

STAFF NEWS



Communicating with Professionals in Corrections and Parole

CDCR Honors Staff in 23rd Annual Medal of Valor Event



From left, CDCR Secretary James Tilton gives a posthumous Medal of Valor to Victoria Rowlett, widow of Correctional Lieutenant Ronald Rowlett. From left to right, family members Matt Rowlett, Linda Welch, and Ron Rowlett, and CDCR Undersecretary "Bud" Prunty stand.

Two honored with Medals of Valor for heroism, one posthumously

CDCR today awarded Medals of Valor to the late Correctional Lieutenant Ronald Rowlett of the California Medical Facility and Correctional Officer Sheila Mitchell of California State Prison-Sacramento.

The Medal of Valor is the Department's highest award for heroism and courage beyond the normal demands of correctional service.

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Gov. Schwarzenegger Signs AB 900 -- Historic Prison Reform Bill

Joined by a bipartisan group of legislators, law enforcement officials and public safety experts, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a historic measure May 3 to help reform California's overburdened correctional system.

Assembly Bill 900 will provide critical relief to prison overcrowding and increase public safety by dramatically changing California's approach to rehabilitating prisoners. The Governor will also establish strike teams to assist the Depart-

ment implement this legislation quickly and effectively.

"This is a major step forward, but now the real work begins. With this bill, we will add 53,000 beds - the most built in a generation. But we will also put management reforms in place so that these beds are built quickly and the rehabilitation programs tied to each and every new bed are strong," said Governor Schwarzenegger.

Governor Calls for Strike Teams

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The awards were presented by CDCR Secretary James Tilton and Undersecretary K.W. Prunty at a ceremony on the West Steps of the State Capitol. Nearly 150 employees received awards that ranged from the Medal of Valor to Unit Citations.

The combined honor guards of California State Prison, Sacramento, and Folsom State Prison as well as the color guard of the Preston Youth Correctional Facility presented the colors. In memory of Lt. Rowlett and others from the CDCR who died over the last year, the honor and color guards played taps and gave a flag ceremony. It ended with the presentation of an American flag to Mrs. Rowlett.

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Benefits of Hiring Trained Ex-Offenders Discussed in Public Forum

By **FRANK LOSCO**

Chief, Public Affairs,
Prison Industry Authority

Community leaders and employers from Sacramento gathered May 1 at the Sacramento Regional Employers' Forum to discuss the benefits of hiring trained ex-offenders.

The *Sacramento Region's Undiscovered Labor Resource* was the theme of the event where employers learned how job training provided to inmates during incarceration can greatly reduce training costs for hiring agencies. The forum was sponsored by the Prison Industry Authority, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and PRIDE Industries.

"The opportunity to bring employers together to discuss the benefits of hiring trained ex-offenders is an important step in establishing an employment path for inmates preparing to parole," said K.W. Prunty, Undersecretary, California Depart-



PIA General Manager Chuck Pattillo fields questions.

ment of Corrections and Rehabilitation. "This re-entry program is a component of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's commitment to increasing public safety and reducing recidivism by successfully transitioning parolees into meaningful employment. Hiring trained ex-offenders can bring significant value for employers, parolees, and our community. Employers gain well-trained

workers, parolees obtain employment and the local community benefits by creating neighborhoods with fewer unemployed ex-offenders."

Inmates have opportunities to learn a variety of skill sets while working in more than 60 factories that PIA operates. In many factories, inmates can earn industry-accredited certifications that document their abilities as welders,

opticians, metal workers, and carpenters.

Employers can obtain a federal tax credit worth up to \$8,500 and a no-cost federal bond for up to \$50,000 for hiring ex-offenders. Employers seeking further information about hiring trained ex-offenders should contact Joseph Armor, PIA Administrator, Inmate Development Branch, at (916) 358-1661.

Margot Bach Named Statewide PIO of the Year

The California State Information Officers Council (SIOC) honored two CDCR employees at its annual awards dinner, held May 10 in Sacramento.

The top honor of the evening went to Margot Shinnamon Bach, a supervising public information officer (PIO) with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), who was named statewide "PIO of the Year."

Todd Spencer, a Television Specialist in the Television/Studio Unit

of OPEC, was awarded a silver award in the Audio-Visual category for his work producing a video entitled "*California Out-of-State Correctional Facility Program: a New Opportunity*." This is the video that has been shown in all CDCR institutions to the inmate population to elicit interest in volunteering for an out-of-state inmate transfer.

"The State Information Officers

Council Awards recognize hard work and distinction in a very challenging area of public service," said SIOC

President Roni Java.

Bach was recognized by her peers for outstanding achievement in public information service to her department. In particular, she has assisted news media outlets with coverage of programs serving women incarcerated in State prisons.



SIOC President Roni Java gives the PIO award to Margot Bach (r).

Submissions

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CDCR, Community Group partner for 8th Annual Mother's Day 'Get On The Bus' Program at Four Correctional Facilities

By MARGOT BACH

Director, Special Projects
Office of Public and Employee
Communications

CDCR and the Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles worked together to bring children to visit their incarcerated mothers on Friday of the Mother's Day weekend.

The female offenders are housed at one of five state adult and juvenile facilities. The adult prisons are the California Institution for Women, California Rehabilitation Center, Central California Women's Facility, and Valley State Prison for Women. The juvenile facility is the Ventura Youth Correctional Facility.

The children, who were accompanied by loved ones and guardians, began their visits on May 11 as part of the eighth annual Get on the Bus program. This year, approximately 34 buses with more than 650 children and their guardians traveled from 17 cities throughout California to the prisons in southern and central California. The mothers have to be on



A female inmate with her children at CCWF.

good conduct for one year to earn a visit from their children.

When released from prison, those mothers are less inclined to return to crime because of the ties they have maintained with their children, according to most industry researchers.

"Every child wants to see, touch and talk with their mother, whether they are incarcerated or not," said Wendy Still, Associate Director of CDCR Female Offender Programs

and Services. "Get on the Bus helps moms and kids stay connected. This benefits these children by lowering the likelihood that their mother will return to prison."

Get on the Bus provides free transportation for children and their caregivers, travel bags for the children, comfort care bags for the caregivers, a photograph of each child with his or her mother, and meals for the day. The meals include breakfast,

snacks on the bus, lunch at the prison, and dinner on the way home. On the bus trip home, following the visit with the mothers, each child receives a teddy bear with a letter from their mother as well as post-event counseling. Children with mothers in prison are usually cared for by relatives, often grandparents, who are often unable to make the drive due to distance or expense. The program is funded by donations.

CDCR Awards Contract for New Fresno Family Foundations Program

The CDCR recently awarded a \$7.24 million contract to WestCare California, Inc., to operate a third Family Foundations Program, to be opened in Fresno in July 2007. The Fresno FFP will be located at the site of the former CDCR Fresno First Female Offender Treatment and Education Program for female parolees in west Fresno. The FOTEP was relocated to another facility in Fresno.

The Family Foundations Program is a community-based residential-type setting for non-serious, non-violent

female offenders, the majority of whom have been convicted of drug-related offenses. On-site services include parenting skills, health services, child development services, and vocational skills training. Residents have the benefit of support groups and assistance to establish and enhance close ties with their young children. Additionally, the mothers share cooking and cleaning chores and learn life skills to help improve their employability.

"These smaller community-based

programs for female offenders comprise a key component of our prison reform efforts," said Wendy Still, Associate Director for CDCR Female Offender Programs and Services. "By providing the opportunity for these women to live with and be parents to their children, we hope to break the intergenerational cycle of incarceration that we see all too often. By opening the third such program in California's Central Valley, we plan to provide the type of wrap-around ser-

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"I would like to congratulate the Legislature, especially its leaders, Senate President Pro Tem Perata, Speaker Núñez, Senator Ackerman and Assemblyman Villines, who put aside their political differences and never forgot the public we all serve. I would also like to thank all of the sheriffs, police chiefs, district attor-

neys, probation chiefs, county officials and everyone else who worked so hard to help us get here. They all share my commitment to public safety and know that this legislation will make our streets safer."

53,000 prison and jail beds in two phases and fundamentally shift how the CDCR approaches rehabilitation for California's prisoners. The legislation will also help move more than 16,000 prisoners out of "bad beds" located in prison libraries, gymnasiums and day rooms, freeing up these spaces for rehabilitation programs.

crimes," said Governor Schwarzenegger.

Assembly Bill 900 funds 16,000 beds in Secure Re-Entry Facilities, small and secure centers that provide offenders with job training, mental health and substance abuse counseling, housing placement, and other programs in the critical few months just prior to their release.

To speed up construction and overhaul rehabilitation programs, the Governor established strike teams within CDCR's management.

"And we will act quickly to use the other remedies in this legislation, such as the statutory authority to move inmates out of state whether they volunteer or not as another way to reduce overcrowding. My administration also intends to make smarter and more effective use of existing parole policies, beef up probation services and reform juvenile justice," continued the Governor.

G o v e r n o r Schwarzenegger is committed to continue aggressively pursuing many aspects of his prison re-

forms he introduced in January, including funding for probation services; moving non-serious/non-violent juvenile offenders to local facilities; and transferring 4,500 low-risk female offenders into local facilities.

For more information on prison reform, please visit the cdc website at www.cdcr.ca.gov

Governor Visits CDCR



The Governor met with CDCR executive staff on May 14 to thank them for supporting the reform effort, which led to the signing of AB 900 into state law. The Governor asked the staff to work closely and swiftly with the strike team members to ensure that overcrowding is tackled and rehabilitation and reentry opportunities are in place by legislative deadlines.

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Assembly Bill 900, also known as the Public Safety and Offender Rehabilitation Services Act of 2007, will provide \$7.7 billion to add

"No longer will we build giant warehouses in remote locations that produce criminals who are more dangerous the day they are released than on the day they came in. We are finally facing up to the fact that most California inmates are someday eligible for parole and that we must do everything we can to make sure those who are released don't commit new

Division of Juvenile Justice *Green Sheet*

DJJ Announces Intent to Award \$9.5 Million in Parole Reentry Services Grants to Five Counties

DJJ in consultation with the Corrections Standards Authority announced May 2 that it will award \$9.5 million in grants to providers in five counties to improve reentry services for juvenile offenders returning home on parole.

The grant award recipients include the Youth Employment Partnership in Oakland; the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency; Phoenix House in Orange County; Prototypes, Center for Innovation in the City of Los Angeles, and California Youthbuild Initiatives in Fresno. The Juvenile Justice Community Reentry Challenge Grant Program is a pilot program intended to offer new tools, opportunities and structured reentry approach for parolees leaving DJJ institutions and returning to their home counties on parole as well as youthful offenders under the jurisdiction of the county or local juvenile court. The contracts will begin June 1, 2007 and are in place until June 30, 2009.

"It is important that the state partner with local governments and community-based service providers to help meet the needs of youthful offenders as they are released, and give them a better chance to lead a crime-free life on the outside," said DJJ Chief Deputy Secretary Bernard E. Warner. "This program helps provide a continuity of services for wards of the Division of Juvenile Justice that is important as they re-enter society.

"These grants are part of a

broader statewide effort to increase rehabilitation programs and reentry services for youth and adult offenders so that they can be successful upon their release," said Senator Michael Machado, who sponsored legislation including these grants to be part of Governor Schwarzenegger's budget in 2006. "Reducing California's recidivism rates will be key to addressing the underlying problems affecting our criminal justice system."

The Juvenile Justice Community Reentry Grant Program awarded the grants on a competitive basis. Applicants were required to demonstrate a collaborative and comprehensive approach to the successful community reintegration of juvenile parolees and county probationers returning from commitment or out of home placement. Services to be provided include: transitional or step-down housing, occupational development and job placement, outpatient mental health services, education, life skills counseling, restitution and community service, case management, and intermediate sanctions for technical violations of parole. The funding was provided by AB 1806, Chaptered July 12, 2006.

Per the legislation and grant language, 75 percent of the grant award is to be used for providing program services to individuals on parole from the Division of Juvenile Justice.

The remainder of the grant award (up to 25 percent) may be used for providing program services to youthful offenders under the jurisdiction of

the county or local juvenile court who are transitioning from commitment or out of home placement back into the community.

The programs winning the grant awards are expected to work with the juvenile court and the local probation departments throughout the state targeting 680 juveniles released on parole or probation. The Department received 40 applications requesting more than \$60 million in funding to establish and track outcomes of their respective programs. A total of 29 applications made it through the initial screening process with five grantees announced.

Summary of Grant Recipients and Anticipated Services

The Youth Employment Partnership (\$963,576 award granted)

The Partnership will address the needs of 64 juvenile parolees and 46 juvenile probationers ages 18-25 returning to the Oakland area. The program is based on the Service Learning Model, designed to prevent recidivism among juvenile offenders on probation and parole. Program staff will visit incarcerated offenders every other week 90 days prior to release, conduct an assessment and develop an Individual Service Strategy. Upon release to the community each participant will meet weekly with a Case Manager who communicates regularly with the respective probation and parole officers. Case Managers will serve as mentors. Support services includ-

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ing mental health counseling, housing, childcare and transportation. Each offender will complete 600 hours of paid work experience in the Youthbuild program.

Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (*\$1,298,728 award granted*)

The Agency will provide intensive reentry services to 90 juvenile parolees and 30 juvenile probationers released from correctional facilities to Sacramento County in conjunction with the respective parole or probation officer. The project will coordinate a comprehensive, wrap-around approach including employment services, mental health needs and substance abuse counseling.

Phoenix House, Orange County (*\$1,029,548 award granted*)

Phoenix House will provide 125 juvenile parolees and 95 juvenile probationers parenting, employability,

tattoo removal, support needs and housing to ensure successful reentry into the community. The project will work to reduce recidivism for its participants, demonstrate improved family inter-relationships, decrease substance use, increase employment rates within 30 days of program entry and increase employment retention.

Prototypes, Center for Innovation (*\$5,801,776 award granted*)

The Center will provide 200 juvenile parolees and 100 juvenile probationers released from correctional facilities wraparound services including mentoring, mental health services and specific job placement. The program has experienced and credentialed staff.

California Youthbuild Initiatives (*\$406,372 award granted*)

Youthbuild will provide 25 juve-

nile parolees educational opportunities, skills training, stipends, wages, personal counseling, managing money, and employment services to provide job training and produce significant neighborhood improvements in the communities where they work. The program addresses substance abuse with treatment referrals with community partners.

Background on Juvenile Justice Reforms

Working with special experts under a stipulated court agreement, the Division of Juvenile Justice filed six remedial plans with the courts in the areas of sexual behavior treatment, ward with disabilities, education, health care, mental health treatment and safety and welfare. The division has an aggressive agenda to fulfill necessary tasks laid out in the plans, and has secured the necessary funding to get those initiatives moving.

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vices that such community-based programs can provide. It also allows for more family visiting with inmates' families and friends located much closer."

The contract award culminates a process that began in December 2006 with the release of the Request for Proposals (RFPs) to prospective bidders. Bidders were invited to tour the site in early January 2007 and attended a mandatory bidders conference in mid-January. The deadline to submit proposals was March. The contract expires in 2012.

"This alternative sentencing holds women accountable for their criminal behavior while affording mother and child a chance to lead a healthier and productive life as the mother completes her sentence," said Still. "With

the addition of this new facility, we will continue to expand programs for the female offender population."

WestCare America, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1973 and has 34 years of experience operating therapeutic community drug treatment services in community-based, residential, and in-prison treatment environments. WestCare's comprehensive experience includes substance abuse treatment and relapse prevention programs; parenting skills development; child development services; vocational skills training; ancillary services; and services to special populations that includes pregnant, post-partum and parenting women. It is headquartered in Las Vegas, NV, and has offices in several states and in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

It serves more than 10,000 individuals each month, and has an annual budget of \$68 million.

The Family Foundations Program was created by the State Legislature in 1994 when then-Sen. Robert Presley (R-Riverside) sponsored legislation establishing The Pregnant and Parenting Women's Alternative Sentencing Program Act. Each facility houses 35 women and up to 40 children. Overseeing each facility is a CDCR Correctional Counselor III, who supervises a staff of vocational and academic instructors, substance abuse counselors, and others. Sen. Presley, as Secretary of the Youth and Adult Corrections Agency, oversaw implementation of the first two programs.

CDCR's Inmate Firefighter Crews Gear Up for the 2007 Fire Season

By **TERRY THORNTON**

Information Officer II
Office of Public and Employee Communications

PAYNES CREEK – More than 700 inmate firefighters from the hard work they do to minimize the loss of life and property.”



CAL FIRE staff direct inmates before a hike.

CDCR participated May 3 in the annual Fire Preparedness Exercises at Ishi Camp in Tehama County. The exercises allow the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) to evaluate inmate firefighter crews' physical conditioning, firefighting knowledge, ability to perform safely, and readiness for the 2007 fire season.

“For 61 years, California inmates have been given the chance to be heroes by risking their lives to fight wildfires while taking advantage of positive rehabilitative programs,” said CDCR Secretary James Tilton. “The Conservation Camp Program plays an integral role in California's statewide wildfire response. These inmate firefighters and the staff from CDCR and CAL FIRE should be commended for the

Established in 1946, the Conservation Camp Program provides California with an able-bodied, well-trained, and well-equipped workforce for fire suppression and other emergencies. There are 42 adult and two Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) conservation camps state-

wide. CDCR jointly manages 37 adult and juvenile camps with CAL FIRE. Five adult camps in Southern California are jointly managed with the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

“The cooperative nature of our partnership makes this a successful program at all levels,” said CAL FIRE Director Ruben Grijalva. “The crews perform a vital public service that benefits Californians as well as state, federal, county and local government agencies.”

More than 4,400 offenders are in the program. Approximately 200 crews log an average of more than three million person hours a year fighting wildfires and respond to floods, earthquakes, and search and rescue missions.

When not responding to emergencies, crews put

in an additional seven million hours every year working on conservation projects on public lands and community service projects. Fire crews clean up campgrounds, beaches and parks on city, county and state land and provide the labor for weed abatement and other projects that help reduce the risk of fires and other disasters.

Inmates and CDCR fire camp staff also benefit communities when they are not fighting fires by participating in presentations to schools and juvenile group homes to encourage kids to avoid drugs and alcohol. Many camps raise funds to help feed the hungry and support local non-profit organizations.

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Clearing underbrush is a critical skill.

Carrie Daves Named Adult Parole Operation Employee of the Year

By MARGARITA PEREZ

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The Division of Adult Parole Operations (DAPO) recently announce its award recipient for Employee of the Year 2006, Carrie Daves, Staff Services Manager II, Parole Automation Unit. Ms. Daves was chosen for her exemplary management and superior knowledge of the Automation Unit. Daves represented DAPO on the CalParole automation project. She used her expertise and strategic management skills to clearly communicate and coordinate testing, technical design meetings, and steer the project through several challenging implementation stages.



Parole Chief Tom Hoffman Honors Carrie Daves.

Daves is also charged with managing the Automation Unit's technical support staff. These staff are responsible for designing databases, providing support to the field, and

coordinating query and technical statistical reports for media, legislative, control agency and executive departmental requests.

Daves possesses extensive operational knowledge that is evident in her ability to respond with proficiency and with a focus on attention to detail. Daves has consistently managed her responsibilities with confidence and refuses to accept limitations or failure. Despite the demands placed upon her on a regular basis, Daves consistently conveys a professional and competent image of this organization. Her "can do" and "will get it done" attitude has earned her the respect, trust, and confidence of her supervisors, peers, and subordinates.

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The Medal of Valor is "earned by employees distinguishing themselves by conspicuous bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal demands of correctional service. The employee shall display great courage in the face of immediate life-threatening peril and with full knowledge of the risk involved. The act should show professional judgment and not jeopardize operations or the lives of others."

Lt. Rowlett was vacationing in Hawaii in February 2005 when he heard the cries of help from a woman on a flotation device. She was being dragged out to sea by rip currents that were estimated swell between 20 and 30 feet. Without fear or hesitation, he entered the treacherous waters in an attempt to save her life. Unfortunately, the rip currents overtook him in his attempt, ultimately resulting in his death.

"Lt. Rowlett's act of heroism exemplifies the honor and dedication he presented as a public servant and proud peace officer for more than 20 years," Tilton said. "He was not the only person on the beach that day who heard the cries for help. But in the end, it was only he and the woman's husband who entered the waters—both sacrificing their lives for her."

Officer Mitchell working at the prison last May when an inmate working in the culinary held her hostage at knifepoint. As responding staff arrived, they saw the inmate holding a homemade slashing weapon to her neck, threatening to kill her. The inmate gained control of Officer Mitchell's keys and pulled her into a nearby office. He locked the door from the inside, barricading it and turning out the light.

"Never losing her calm demeanor

in the face of possible death, Officer Mitchell was taken hostage for more than 10 hours," said Tilton. "Her strength of spirit, bravery, courage, composure and professionalism throughout the long and traumatic day was the key factor in her release and the inmate's surrender."

Also honored at today's ceremony were Correctional Lieutenant Kenneth Daubach from Centinela State Prison as the 2007 Correctional Supervisor of the Year, and Correctional Officer John Edward Popke from Sierra Conservation Center. The awards ceremony, held annually in May, honors employees from throughout California. The ceremony was followed by a luncheon for awardees, their families and friends on the West Lawn, and sponsored by the California Correctional Supervisors Organization.

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**Complete List of 2007
Award Winners**

Medal of Valor

The Medal of Valor is the Department's highest award, earned by employees distinguishing themselves by conspicuous bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal demands of correctional service. The employee shall display great courage in the face of immediate life-threatening peril and with full knowledge of the risk involved. The act should show professional judgment and not jeopardize operations or the lives of others.

Correctional Lieutenant Ronald Rowlett, **California Medical Facility** (Posthumous); Correctional Officer Sheila Mitchell, **California State Prison, Sacramento**

Gold Star Medal

The Corrections Star (Gold) medal is the Department's second highest award for heroic deeds under extraordinary circumstances. The employee shall display courage in the face of immediate peril in acting to save the life of another person.

Correctional Sergeant Rick Mullins and Correctional Counselor I Jo-Ella Mullins, **California Institution for Men**; Fire Captain Dan Smith, **Chuckawalla Valley State Prison**; and Correctional Officer Robert Paris, **California State Prison, Sacramento**

Silver Star Medal

The Corrections Star (Silver) medal is the Department's third highest award for acts of bravery under

extraordinary or unusual circumstances. The employee shall display courage in the face of potential peril while saving or attempting to save the life of another person or distinguish himself or herself by performing in stressful situations with exceptional tactics or judgment.

Correctional Officer Keith Logan, **California State Prison, Sacramento**; Correctional Officer Jimmy Trujillo, **Centinela State Prison**; and Correctional Officer Ray Torrez, **Sierra Conservation Center**

Bronze Star Medal

The Corrections Star (Bronze) is the Department's award for saving a life without placing oneself in peril. The employee shall have used proper training and tactics in a professional

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Wasco State Prison Hosts Take Child to Work Day

On April 26, 35 children, between the ages of 8 to 12, participated at Wasco State Prison with Warden Pat Vazquez in the national "15th Anniversary of Take your Daughters & Sons to Work Day."

The staff's children actively participated in events throughout the day, which included a tour along the outside perimeter, presentations made by the Fire Department, Food Services, ISU, Transportation, IGI, Medical, Education, Canteen, Recycling, Clothing, Visiting, the Locksmith, and a hot dog barbeque.

This year's theme was focused on "Revolutionizing the Workplace."

The children through demonstrations, games, displays and activities received knowledge on the importance that each department provides to the institution.

At the end of the day, all the children were returned to their parents with a better understanding of their parent's workplace, knowing that Wasco State Prison is a friendly and safe environment that provides an important service to the public. Bryan Dial, Irma Rodriguez's son, Office Assistant, told Warden Vazquez "Thank you, I had a great time."



Children of Wasco State Prison employees inspect a fire truck.

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manner to save, or clearly contribute to saving, the life of another person.

Correctional Lieutenant William Wyman, **California Correctional Center**; Medical Technical Assistant Eric Callison, **High Desert State Prison**; Correctional Sergeant Bryan Colvin, **California State Prison, Sac-**

Flores; Registered Nurse Doreen Alvarez, **N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility**; Correctional Lieutenant Troy Wood and Correctional Officer Kenneth Trimm, **Pelican Bay State Prison**; Correctional Officer Paul Rivera, **Salinas Valley State Prison**; Correctional Officers Jose Santiago and Anthony Sotelo,

Correctional Sergeant Wesley Lewis, **California State Prison, Sacramento**; Vice Principal, Vocational Programs Ruth Davis, **Chuckawalla Valley State Prison**; Vice Principal, Academic Programs, Kenya Williams, **Chuckawalla Valley State Prison**; Correctional Plant Manager II Lee Lanahan, **Chuckawalla Valley State Prison**; Youth Correctional Officers Jeff Moen, Paul Castro and Kevin Steel, **Northern California Youth Correctional Center**; and Special Agent Martin R. Davila, **Office of Correctional Safety**



From left, CDCR Secretary James E. Tilton congratulates Medal of Valor recipient Sheila Mitchell (c), with CDCR Undersecretary "Bud" Prunty.

ramento; Correctional Officer Raymond Din III, **Centinel State Prison**; Correctional Sergeant Christopher Pierce, **Chuckawalla Valley State Prison**; Correctional Officer Johnnie Saucier, **Chuckawalla Valley State Prison**; Correctional Sergeant Vernon Atkins, Correctional Sergeant Herbert HuiHui and Correctional Officer Mike Deverick, **Correctional Training Facility**; Correctional Sergeant Arnold Leon, **Ironwood State Prison**; Correctional Officers Scott Buck, Rene Cortina and Casey Fenton, **Kern Valley State Prison**; Youth Correctional Counselors Kevin Cerniglia, Claudia Chavez, Fernando Flores and John Younger; Youth Correctional Officer Gabriel

Salinas Valley State Prison; Correctional Counselor I Steve Ballachey, **San Quentin State Prison**; Correctional Officer Brandon Freemyer, **Sierra Conservation Center**; Correctional Officer Andy Ralph Thomas, **Valley State Prison for Women**; and Teacher Calvin B. Moppins, Jr., **O.H. Close Youth Correctional Facility**

Distinguished Service Medal

The Distinguished Service Medal is for an employee's exemplary work conduct with the Department for a period of months or years, or involvement in a specific assignment of unusual benefit to the Department.

Unit Citation

The Unit Citation is for great courage displayed by a departmental unit in the course of conducting an operation in the face of immediate life-threatening circumstances.

Correctional Sergeant John Perry Mayhew Jr.; Correctional Officers Wilberto Almodovar Jr., Jeffrey Gaskin, Charles Edward King Jr., Grant Elton Parker, Daniel Flores Rodriguez, and Chris Bruce Wuest; Correctional Lieutenants James Broddrick, Jeri Fry, and Tom Langford; Correctional Sergeants John Heckman, Brian Holmes, and Kevin Renkert; Correctional Officers Kenneth Ian Meadows, Wade Critz and Anthony McNeal, **Folsom State Prison**; Correctional Sergeants David Rios, Brian Colvin, Jon Clough, Roy Dickinson, Charlie Gibson, Keith Logan, Nate Costa, Avery Lanigan, Bryan Bishop, Roy Ulatan, and John McCoy; Correctional Officers Keith Logan, Robbi Geyser, and Jack Hansen, Correctional Captain Debra Leiber; Correctional Lieutenants John

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Banks and Sol Goldman; Correctional Sergeants Dennis Kennedy, Tina Ybarra, and Bryan Bishop; Correctional Officers Billy Deaver, Jack L. Hansen, Kenneth Lamphere, Ruby Mahan, Kelly Porter, Tim Gomez Jr., George Moua, Bret Cross, Celso Zamudio Jr., Tony Hom, Alan Shearer, Thomas Angello, Brian McCauley, Juan Munoz, Allan May, Miguel Martinez, James Mathews, Bill Hampton, Richard Merriweather, Kenneth Stears, Ernest Johnson, Glenn Branich, Stephen Camarillo, Mabelle Calderon, Clarence Callahan, Steve Larios, John Lebeck, Michael Alcoriza, Marcus Magnani, Daniel Garland, Elizabeth Alejo, Ruben Jordan, Rickey Moore, Keith Yeager, Derral Sheldon, William Nunez, Pete Ugalino, David Matthews, Carlos Chavez, Kris DeAlba, Joseph Polich, David Peterson, Coby O'Hagan, Michael Munguia, David Villasenor, Daniel

Sherven, Raul Macias, Jarvis Quenga, Jahmal Prudhomme, Carolina Lobato, and Donald Mandell, Brian Westmoreland, **California State Prison, Sacramento**; Correctional Officers Manuel Tamayo, Evaristo Duarte and Vincent Canada, **Calipatria State Prison**; Correctional Sergeant William Fletcher; Correctional Officers Terry Hammon, Raul Ramirez, Craig Robertson, Armondo Sosa, and Diego Vaca, **Ironwood State Prison**; Correctional Sergeant Kurtis B. Weatherford; Correctional Officers Scott Buck, Rene Cortina, Casey Fenton, Martin E. Machado, Robert A. Nuckles and Fidencio R. Venegas, **Kern Valley State Prison**; Correctional Lieutenants Dana Kays, Joe Pedroso, and Daryl Webster; Correctional Sergeants Joseph Anderson, Donald Coleman, Paul Hicks Sr., David Johnston, Carol McKellop, Anthony Pepiot, and Manuel Winningham; Correctional Officers

Peggy Anderson, Benjamin Aragones, Johnny Atchinson, Dameon Bates, James Bemrose, Jason Biberston, Wendy Black, Sean Burris, Tyler Chapman, David Chisholm, James Commons, Una Cooper, Neil Cope, Gregory Darrett, Paul Gelinias, David George, John Gephart, Christopher Hamilton, Rudy Hammack, James Harlan, Paul Harman, James Herdina, P. Herman, James Holden, Robert Hood, David Howard, Mark Hutchinson, Thomas Hutzell, Karl Kiplinger, Charles Leveque, Darrell Love, Jeremy Marks, John Miller, Michael Nation, Daniel Nelson, Russ Olson, Arthur Paul, Alexandra Perez, David Phillips, Michael Popow, Phillip Reynolds, Jerry Reynoso, Keith Richcreek, Joseph Ross, John Rutledge, Marcus Sawaya, John Shaw, Michael Slavec, Jeffrey Stout, Lawrence Sullenger, and Scott Wilson; Medical Technical Assistants Victorio Gorospe, Rebecca Lambert,

Crystal Martinho, James Patch, Christine Richcreek, and Jodi Torrance; Registered Nurses Joseph Escobar-Jerez and James Phillips; Psychiatric Technician Ian Kirkpatrick; Licensed Vocational Nurse Elizabeth Scott, **Pelican Bay State Prison**; and Registered Nurses Myra Luna, Tae Moon, and Jennifer Parker; Psychiatric Technician Jeovani Pajo, **Heman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility**.



From left, CDCR Secretary James E. Tilton stands with Distinguished Service Medal recipients Youth Correctional Officers (Dogs in paranthesis) Kevin Steele (Moe), Paul Castro (Vader) and Jeff Moen (Doc) and Undersecretary "Bud" Prunty.

Gov. Schwarzenegger Creates Strike Teams to Implement Historic Prison Reform Plan

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced May 11 the creation of two strike teams to expedite implementation of AB 900, the historic \$7.7 billion measure to help reform California's overburdened correctional system. Composed of nationally recognized rehabilitation and prison construction experts, the strike teams will ensure that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has the programs and resources to add the "R" to CDC and build 53,000 beds.

One strike team will fundamentally reform California's prison rehabilitation programs; the other will expedite the construction of correctional facilities. The teams are being launched with 20 experts from universities, community organizations and state government; others will be added.

"My administration is taking immediate action to implement California's historic prison reform plan," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "With these strike teams, we are aggressively moving forward to shift our approach to rehabilitating prisoners in California. And, we will cut through the red tape to expedite construction, just as we have done with California's levees, and recently with the collapsed overpass in the Bay Area. I will not tolerate bureaucratic hang ups and delay when it comes to public safety."

"Building the re-entry facilities - is another historic task in my prison reform act - and I have asked CDCR Secretary Jim Tilton to assign Chief Deputy Marisela Montes to work with local governments and community groups to build the 16,000 beds and

arrange for program services delivery."

The Rehabilitation Strike Team will focus on evaluating existing education, training and substance abuse programs; on developing leading-edge rehabilitation classes and on delivering the services to inmates and parolees in order to improve public safety.

Kathy Jett, Director of CDCR's Division of Addiction and Recovery Services and former Director of the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP), will chair the Rehabilitation Strike Team. She will be joined by a public-private team that includes: Joan Petersilia, PhD, Professor, Criminology, Law & Society Director, UCI Center on Evidence-Based Corrections; Jose' Millan, Vice Chancellor, Economic Development & Workforce Preparation, California Community Colleges; Nena Messina, PhD, Principal Researcher, UCLA Institute of Substance Abuse Treatment; Matt Powers, Director, PRIDE Industries (Sacramento); Mimi Budd, retired Chief Counsel, ADP;

Also, Cherry Short, PhD, Assistant Dean, USC School of Social Work; Joe Lehman, retired Washington State Director of Corrections and National Institute of Corrections consultant; Barbara Bloom, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Sonoma State University and Frank Russell, the lead CDCR education executive. Todd Jerue, Department of Finance Corrections Principal Program Budget Manager, and Julie Chapman, Deputy Director, Department of Personnel Administration,

will assist.

The Facilities Construction Strike Team will restore CDCR's major project management capability and begin work immediately to build re-entry, infill, medical and jail beds. Deborah Hysen, former Department of General Services (DGS) Chief Deputy and California Performance Review leader, will chair the team. Other members include: Robert Denham, retired Chief Deputy Sheriff, Sacramento County; Kevin Carruth, retired Undersecretary, CDCR; Jim Varney, Major Damage Engineer, Department of Transportation; Ben Martin, Acquisition Manager, DGS Procurement; Scott Harris, Executive Director, Corrections Standards Authority. Karen Finn, Department of Finance Capital Outlay Principal Program Budget Manager, and Doug Button, Deputy Director, Real Estate Services, DGS, will assist.

Among the tasks, the Facilities Construction Strike Team will:

- Evaluate all alternative construction methods for the construction of reentry facilities and infill capacity.
- Look at any options for housing inmates in existing facilities within the state that are not being utilized before inmates are transferred.
- Develop cost containments for proposed construction.
- Evaluate regulatory impediments to construction and whether waiver of regulations benefit the state.
- Address local mitigation issues for communities that are impacted by current prison facilities.